

The Cattle Farm at Perukada.

267. *MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware that the Nedumangad taluk is purely an agricultural one;

(b) whether the Cattle Farm at Perukada was abolished; and

(c) what has become of the Agricultural Inspector and Sub-Inspector who were employed in the Cattle Farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (a) Yes, to a certain extent.

(b) No. The management of the Farm was transferred to His Highness the Maharaja's Garage and Stables from the beginning of the current Malabar year.

(c) The Agricultural Inspector and the Demonstrator attached to the Farm are now carrying on propaganda in the taluks of Nedumangad and Trivandrum. There was no Sub-Inspector in the Farm.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government why either the Agricultural Inspector or the Demonstrator was not permitted to remain in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The Agricultural Inspector and the Demonstrator are both doing propaganda work in Nedumangad taluk.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): My question is why either the Agricultural Inspector or the Demonstrator, one of them, was not permitted permanently to be in one particular place instead of allowing those people to carry on propaganda work in so many places?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): When the people there have been sufficiently instructed in the matter of agriculture, probably they may be transferred to some other taluks.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know from the Government whether they are aware that Nedumangad taluk requires either an Agricultural Inspector or a Demonstrator there?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The matter will be considered.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Is the Kariakar of the Royal Stables given any special allowance for managing the Cattle Farm?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): I have no information.

MR. N. ABDUR RAHIMAN SAHIB (*Nominated*): Was the Cattle Farm abolished as a retrenchment measure?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): It was not abolished.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to part (a), may I know what the member means when he says 'yes' to a certain extent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Nedumangad taluk is a somewhat agricultural taluk.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Is it the opinion of the member that is to a certain extent 'yes' or is it that it is a purely agricultural taluk?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Agricultural to a certain extent.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Eural*): Is it that the Government are aware to a certain extent?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): The member may take it like that.

PRESIDENT: It is a commentary on the word *purely*. 'Yes' means, to a certain extent it is an agricultural taluk. That is all that I can understand.

Thuckalai Sugar Factory.

268. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to the Thuckalai Sugar Factory:

(a) whether they have taken any steps to provide the Sugar Factory with Travancoreans fit to take up responsible posts;

(b) whether they are aware that the Madras Government have instituted scholarships for the study of Chemical Technology, including the technology of cane-sugar, tenable at the Andhra University and the Victoria Jubilee Technical Institute, Bombay; and

(c) whether they have considered the question of instituting scholarships for the study of Chemical Technology including the technology of cane-sugar by the Travancore students?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): (a) No. The appointments to responsible posts in the Sugar Factory are made by the Company and the contractors and not by Government.

(b) No.

(c) No.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government whether they reserve any right to question the Company with regard to its management?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): In regard to appointment to the posts there, Government has got a representative on the Board.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the interest of the Travancore Government in the Travancore Sugars at Thuckalai?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS (*Industrial Chemist in charge*): Government has taken one-fourth of the shares of the Company and they have given a loan of a lakh of rupees and a cash credit of Rs. 50,000.